

Community Foundation Honors 2014 Unsung Heroes



Florida Keys' nonprofits will shine the spotlight on their Volunteers of the Year this Friday, January 24, at the 14th annual Unsung Heroes luncheon, sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) and underwritten by Dr. Shirley Freeman and Harvey Server. Dr. Freeman is a former chairman of the board and current CFFK Board Advisor.

CFFK will roll out the red carpet to honor 75 volunteers for "doing good" in Paradise through their invaluable contributions of time, energy, and talents.

The Unsung Heroes event is an opportunity to celebrate volunteerism and community service in the Keys. Monroe County charitable organizations nominated their "star" volunteers to be recognized at the event, which will be held at the Casa Marina resort. Since 1996, CFFK has been working "In Paradise For Good" with nonprofits, volunteers, and the philanthropic community to help make Key West and the Florida Keys a better place to live now and in the future.

The 2014 Unsung Heroes are...



Tropic Cinema:
J. David Cooper

Under J. David Cooper's guidance for the past two years, Tropic Cinema's Oscar Party was a true red carpet affair and a successful fundraiser as well. David continues to give to the Tropic as a regular Monday volunteer – and he even donated a baby grand piano!



Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens:
Sue Harrison

Sue Harrison joined the MARC Board in 2007. She immediately joined the fundraising committee and has been chair since then. She has worked tirelessly to increase fundraising efforts. Sue is always there to offer her guidance, support, suggestions and labor to make each event a huge success. She is a true advocate for MARC.



Matecumbe Historical Trust:
Shirley Albury

Shirley volunteers at every lecture, art show, tour and event we hold. She has helped catalog thousands of items, promote the Matecumbe Historical Trust and what we stand for. She spends many days each month helping promote our organization to help us reach our goals.



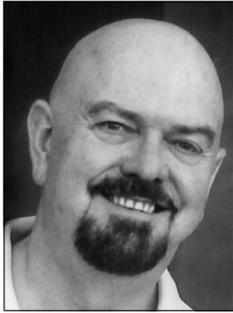
Lower Keys League of Women Voters:
Joy Brown Taylor

Joy Brown Taylor has served as Program Director and Vice-President of the Lower Keys League of Women Voters during its first year of revitalization. She has scheduled and organized numerous educational and social events for the membership and for the public at large, helping to grow this nonpartisan organization.



Key West Writers Guild:
Rusty Hodgdon

Rusty "The Writer" Hodgdon provides insightful and constructive critiques when our writers share their works in progress. He serves as our legal expert, recording secretary, keeper and publisher of meeting minutes and moral compass. Rusty's most significant achievement was to secure a new venue for our bi-monthly meetings at Key West By The Sea Condominiums.



Friends of the AIDS Memorial:
Jon Allen

Friends of the AIDS Memorial honors Jon who has many community involvements since moving to Key West in 1994. He has been a Friends board member since 2003, serving as President from 2007 to 2012. During this time, his focus was fundraising and creating an endowment fund at CFFK to support the Memorial in perpetuity.



Florida Keys SPCA:
Lisa Cowen

Lisa has been a steadfast volunteer of the FKSPCA for over 14 years. She works to improve the lives of the animals by promoting them for adoption, enriching their lives by taking them on long walks and coordinating spa appointments for them. Lisa is instrumental in the creation and continued success of our annual Spring fundraiser.



Florida Keys Outreach Coalition:
Dale Humphrey

Dale Humphrey is a dedicated and hard-working volunteer. He assists with maintenance and repair of FKOC facilities. Dale is considered our "handyman extraordinaire." He is a very humble and considerate gentleman, who is always ready to help someone in need. We are blessed by his calming presence, talents, and inspiration.



Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum of Care:
Reverend Stephen Braddock

Reverend Stephen Braddock has been the driving force in forming a coalition of providers who represent homeless services in Monroe County. He worked diligently to get the new Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care off the ground when the service providers were left without a Continuum after the former lead agency changed its mission.



Key West Fringe Theater:
Judy Hadley

Judy Hadley is always ready to step in and do any job no matter how difficult, time consuming or thankless. Judy brings a varied theater background and has been instrumental in our Shakespeare program and as house manager for our productions. We thank her for her critical help!



Key West Garden Club:
Patti Johnson

Patti Johnson of Blue Soup Design created advertising layouts, rack cards, posters and the new cover for our 80th Anniversary Yearbook during the last several years. Her good cheer, talent and speedy work makes her the Key West Garden Club's Unsung Hero.



Friends of the Key West Library:
Mary Taylor

The Friends of the Key West Library is honored to recognize Mary Taylor, who has devoted countless hours to our book sales and lecture series. Mary is our "go to" person. She steps in and graciously does whatever is needed while gracing us with her wonderful smile.



Canon John H. Reece Scholarship Fund:
Olatha Leggett

Olatha Leggett serves on the Executive Board and has done an excellent job in coordinating our programs for a number of years. She is a hard worker who has effectively developed the many works of art that we have used throughout our program over the years. She has worked tirelessly in reaching our deadlines.



Historic Florida Keys Foundation:
Laura Dockery

Laura has been a blessing to the Foundation where she serves as a volunteer tour guide at the cemetery. She is a gifted educator with the ability to relate to people of any age or background. She has a great outgoing personality, is a fine researcher, and is conscientious, hardworking, trustworthy and reliable.



Friends of Old Seven:
Riet Steinmetz

A board member of both Friends of Old Seven and Pigeon Key Foundation, Riet coordinates every aspect of volunteer efforts for all FO7 events, averaging eight events and over one hundred volunteers annually. She is instrumental in obtaining signatures of support for the preservation of the Old Seven Mile Bridge, currently at 23,000 supporters.



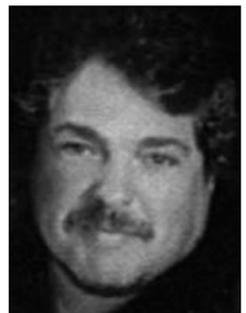
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Keys Area:
Candy Block

Candy has been dedicated to helping the Southernmost Boys & Girls Club for the last four years. She tutors, contributes financially, donates to families during the holidays, and assists with fundraisers! The kids look forward to her help with homework twice a week. We are very appreciative of her time, commitment, and loyalty to our club.



Helpline of the Florida Keys:
Charlie Waite

Charlie is a tireless volunteer and is always there when needed. From hauling everything for events, to selling beer for 12 hours, to changing door locks, to sitting on the board and never missing a meeting, there is nothing he won't do for the organization, and always with a smile!



Upper Keys Christmas Project:
Normand Gonsalves

As a new non-profit, UKCP is still learning how to stage community performances effectively. Each new venue has specific sound and lighting challenges. Professional electrician Normand Gonsalves has been exceedingly generous with his time, talents and equipment to make each UKCP project look and sound great.

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**Last Stand:
Dottie Moses**

Most people working in Keys environmental advocacy had never heard of Dottie Moses. While working alongside Last Stand to defeat a county dredging project that was stealthily overturning existing environmental protections, Dottie amazed us with her exceptional research skills and tenacity.



**Navy League Key West Council:
John Parce**

John is the Navy League's vanguard for the S.T.E.M. program (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). He set up training for the instructors, ordering and receiving all supplies, and attended all four of the schools for the program's startup. The Navy League is the only U.S. council to introduce the program in our public and private schools.



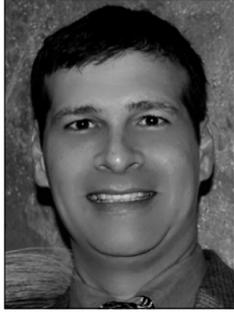
**Samuel's House:
Allison Delashmit**

Allison coordinated a lovely Mother's Day brunch for clients of Samuel's House, allowing them to enjoy this special day. Wanting to do more, Allison created the Team Island Jane, a group of women that trained for and participated in the TRI-KW Triathlon in December while raising money to benefit Samuel's House.



**Monroe County Education Foundation:
Teresa Condas**

Monroe County Education Foundation is thrilled to honor Teresa Condas. Teresa is a board advisor, former board member, and mentors every week in our Take Stock in Children Program. Teresa is organizing the second annual 2014 Golf Marathon, a signature Middle Keys event raising funds for Take Stock in Children.



**Florida Keys Community College Foundation:
Stephen Muffler**

Attorney Stephen Muffler's work as an adjunct business law professor at FKCC for over 5 years has helped hundreds of students reach their educational goals. His leadership in the organization of the College's annual Constitution Day celebration since 2010 further enriches FKCC's educational experience and strengthens the College's connection with the community.



**American Red Cross:
Cynthia Foster**

Horace O'Bryant Middle School teacher Cynthia Foster dedicates her time to support the American Red Cross mission by leading the first Red Cross Club in Key West. Miss Foster teaches students the importance of preparedness, health and safety skills and helping the community through kindness and compassion.



**Leadership Monroe County:
Ray Rhash**

A graduate of Class XIII and a Board member since 2010, Ray has served as Treasurer and is currently the Board President. Ray has unstintingly participated in every LMC community program and event, readily serving with distinction. His dedication to LMC's principles – to be of service to Monroe County – is greatly appreciated and valued.



**Florida Keys Council of the Arts:
Tom Butler**

Tom Butler has served the Arts Council in several leadership roles including Vice Chair and Secretary. He represents both the Upper Keys and the performing arts with finesse. Tom always shares his financial expertise and business savvy with our organization to strengthen and assist in navigating a successful course as the county's local arts agency.



**Domestic Abuse Shelter:
Sheila Cantler**

Domestic Abuse Shelter thanks Sheila Cantler for seven years of service on the board of directors. Sheila has been instrumental in coordinating the pre-registration afternoon activities for DAS's annual No Name Race 5K Fundraiser for the past five years at Centennial Bank Big Pine Key. Sheila has consistently volunteered at DAS special event fundraisers.



**Christina's Courage Rape and Child Abuse Center:
Betsey Langan**

Betsey serves as the Center's secretary, writes our grant yearly, gets our center much needed donations and shows so much passion while serving on this board. She is very active in her community and serves on many boards as well as volunteering many hours. Betsey is always smiling and extremely positive and a wonderful role model.



**AIDS Help:
Chuck Brown**

Appreciating Chuck Brown as a friend of AIDS Help is an embarrassment of riches: 2012 Volunteer of the Year ... the Front Desk voice and smile ... delivering meals to homebound clients ... organizing SMART Riders ... tracking and tallying contribution jars ... his upbeat presence at fundraisers large and small ... makes Chuck, in every way, Agency advocate and hero.



**Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys:
Mary Cruz**

The Cancer Foundation is an all-volunteer organization that helps cancer patients with living expenses. Mary's job is to notify patients who have been approved for assistance and notifies the bookkeeper of all eligible clients each month. In addition, she keeps all client records in electronic files.



**I Believe Foundation:
Mary Lee Singer**

Mary Lee is a lifetime member of the I Believe Foundation. She has been on the all-volunteer board for five years and has made a difference in many children's lives. She is instrumental in running the annual Angel Bear Event to provide teddy bears to the first responders in Monroe County for injured and traumatized children.



**Voices for Florida Keys Children:
Sherry Smith Wright**

Sherry has always gone above and beyond in donating her time and energy to Voices. She has been on the board for eight years and has made a difference in many children's lives. Sherry's years of giving and being the first to help when needed is why we are proud to call her our Unsung Hero.



**Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition:
Carol Ann Hubbell**

Carol Ann volunteers countless hours each year. This year, during a time of short staffing, her dedication ensured the annual Tot Swap event was a huge success. Carol Ann is a valued member and we are so thankful for her kindness, generosity, and willingness to pitch in no matter what the task.



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church:
Catherine (Kitty) Roberts**

Kitty has been Chairman of the Altar Guild for many years. Every Saturday she prepares the church for 3-4 services of Holy Communion. She prepares for baptisms, funerals, weddings and any other service held at St. Paul's. Kitty has been an active member since childhood. She models her faith in active service to St. Paul's.



**Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys:
Peter Rysman**

Peter Rysman has provided leadership, dedication and passionate commitment to Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Florida Keys, serving on our Board for 8 years, and as Chair for the last 7 years. He led us wisely, toward a sustainable future and enrichment of services. He continues to serve as a volunteer leader.



**Key West Rotary:
Rodney Gullatte, Jr.**

Rodney Gullatte, Jr. is an Air Force Veteran. He is a certified IT professional and owner of Firma IT Solutions. Rodney is active in the community through Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Bahama Village Music Program, and more.



**Good Health Clinic:
Vicki Walker**

Through ambitious public relations, Vicki Walker helped the Good Health Clinic become a "household name" in the Upper Keys in 2013. She secured over \$16,000 from more than 100 individuals and businesses who participated in three events and two raffles she organized on the clinic's behalf.



**Key West Players/Waterfront Playhouse:
Lynda Frechette**

An indefatigable supporter of the arts, Lynda is a ubiquitous presence at theater, music and literary events in town. "Lynda's Daily KW Social Calendar" is the definitive source for the performing arts in Key West. Lynda is an active Board member, hosts fundraiser after fundraiser, and has single-handedly turned Waterfront's Aqua Idol into a powerhouse event.

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Impromptu Classical Concerts:
Mary Grusin

For years, Mary has been an enthusiastic, passionate and tireless promoter of Impromptu Classical Concerts of Key West. She has served on the Board of Directors several times over the years, and is currently on the Advisory Board, serving as an advisor for the Program Selection Committee.



Metropolitan Community Church:
Cherre Marchak

Cherre is like the energizer bunny to the "Cooking with Love" program of the Metropolitan Community Church. Not only does she coordinate the entire program, she functions in every capacity as needed. She cooks, cleans, serves, fills grocery bags, shops, recruits and schedules volunteers, all with a very big smile.



Womankind:
Shani Green

Originally from South Africa, Shani moved to Key West after meeting her husband, an engineering officer in the US Coast guard, in Bahrain. Shani performed months of mind-numbing data entry, organized files, helped organize fundraisers, and even modeled a bra for our health center—all done professionally and cheerfully!



Mote Marine Laboratory:
Scott Saunders

Scott Saunders, President of Fury Water Adventures in Key West, has instituted environmental responsibility and funding programs through his company that demonstrate a true dedication to the future of our oceans, the Florida Keys, and to restoring the coral reefs that so much of our community depends on.



AARP Chapter #1351:
Flora Rueda

Flora volunteers at Bayshore Manor, AARP senior programs, and the Key West Rehabilitation Center. She is a member of the Catholic Daughters and visits the sick and homebound weekly. She has volunteered at the hospital for over 15 years and is always willing to help when needed.



Key West Montessori Charter School:
Layla Barr

The Key West Montessori Charter School is pleased to recognize Layla Barr as our Volunteer of the Year. As the newly seated chairwoman of our fundraising committee in October 2012, her committee raised over \$100,000 for our school. Layla is also one of our charter Board of Directors.



Sculpture Key West:
Jody Troupe

Jody is the secretary of Sculpture Key West. She is a multi-talented board member who has created some of the greatest graphics and videos for our organization. She has also taken great joy in assisting sculptors with their installations for the annual exhibition. Always hands on, Jody gets things done.



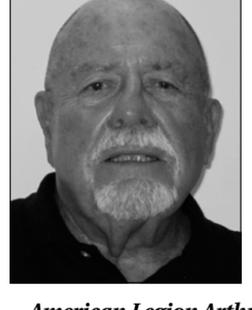
Anchors Aweigh Club:
Birchard Ohlinger

Birch is a steadfast contributor to the Anchors Aweigh Club. He has served as treasurer helping to guide many important financial decisions that have brought us to stable financial footing, interim Club Manager, Search Committee member, and he has provided a helping hand at fundraisers. Birch embodies the expression "joyous service."



Literacy Volunteers of America - Monroe County:
Ruth Gunn

Ruth Gunn has been helping our students learn to read, write and speak English for almost a decade. She started helping children and parents of families enrolled in our family literacy program. She is our Tuesday and Thursday morning office volunteer, and she's still helping individuals and whole families increase reading, writing and English literacy skills.



American Legion Arthur Sawyer Post 28:
James King

Retired Navy Master Chief Jim King was instrumental in creating the Flags and History project, donating various flags to local organizations promoting education. He volunteers as the breakfast chef on Sundays at the Legion and conducts fund raising for Christmas Hope which helps severely wounded service members.



Unity of the Keys Spiritual Center:
Marc Neilson

Marc Neilson, the co-owner of Island City Tile, was our volunteer general contractor as we built our new Fellowship Room. Marc was on the job several hours a day for several months, patiently and capably supervising a team of volunteers. We couldn't have done it without Marc.



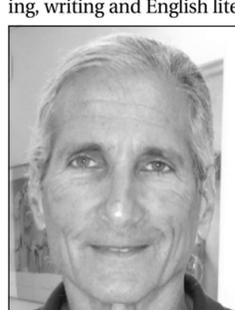
Heron-Peacock Supported Living:
Michael A. Philip

Michael photographed and developed an installation entitled "Eyes without a Face: Looking into the Eyes of Mental Illness" for Heron-Peacock to raise knowledge and understanding of a typically taboo subject that is generally not recognized or faced. His photography has increased empathy and reduced stigma for our residents and program.



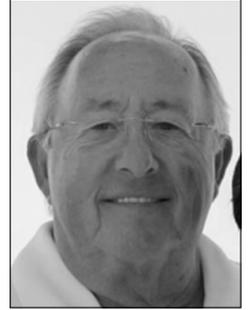
Key West Woman's Club:
Judge Rita Eaton

Rita Eaton's energy and enthusiasm to serve belies her diminutive frame. From Columbus, Ohio, Rita was a prosecutor for the first half of her career and Magistrate Judge for 13 years. Rita says she is proud to be able to give back to Key West and the Woman's Club.



Keys Area Health Education Center:
Dr. Les Safer

Dr. Les Safer has volunteered with Keys AHEC over the past 8 years providing no cost skin cancer exams for almost six thousand patients. As a volunteer dermatologist, Dr. Safer has unselfishly provided quality medical care for the Keys' underserved communities and is available at a moment's notice. He is our medical hero.



Red Barn Theatre:
Ross Elwell

Ross is the definition of generosity and community. For the past three years, he has given tirelessly of his time and money to the fundraising efforts of the Red Barn Theatre through his and his "Iron Chefs" culinary talents. His love of the arts and continuing support have helped ensure our success.



Habitat for Humanity of Key West and the Lower Florida Keys:
Katherine Taffy Straughn

In January 2012, Taffy entered our doors (and our hearts) with her talent, grace, and love of clothes. Taffy works 10-15 hours a week preparing displays, sorting through donations and dressing customers with her innate sense of good taste. Her willingness (and cheerfulness) to take on any task makes her a joy to work with.



United Way of the Florida Keys:
Patricia "Trich" Worthington

Patricia "Trich" Worthington is the Board Treasurer of United Way of the Florida Keys. A Senior Vice President with Iberia Bank, Trich never hesitates to spend the time it takes to review the details and get it right. She was a tremendous help recently as we realigned our fiscal year.



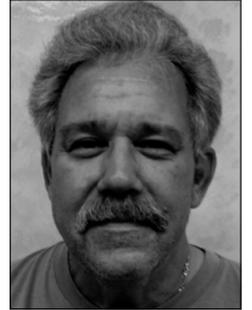
RPM Nautical Foundation:
Stephanie Ford

Stephanie Ford has been an invaluable volunteer for RPM Nautical for the past year. She participated as a member of our archaeological dive team and, during her summer college break, in our field school in the Mediterranean. She also spent many hours working in our Key West office.



Old Island Restoration Foundation:
Patricia Cummings

As a board member and volunteer, Patricia has been tireless in promoting OIRF's major activities. She writes press releases and public service announcements. She has taken on the additional responsibilities of securing and executing a TDC—CU grant for advertising events as well as securing homes, photographing, researching and writing docent scripts for OIRF House Tours.



The Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea:
Richard Jabour

Before STEM education became mainstream, Richard had a vision to inspire and encourage student achievement in science and math. He was responsible for the renovation of The Basilica School's science lab and instituted awards for student accomplishments in science and math. Richard is a parish volunteer and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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Wesley House Family Services:
Kim T. Gordon

Last March, Kim hosted the Women's Hope Concert at the Tennessee Williams Theatre supporting the Inez Martin Back Pack Program, raising over \$22,000 to make sure children have nutritional food over the weekend. The Women's Hope Concert, created in 2007, has donated over \$160,000 to help people and organizations in our community.



Key West Botanical Garden Society:
Lois Taylor

Lois Taylor's effort and devotion has been an integral part of the Key West Botanical Garden for numerous years. Lois has dedicated countless hours to enhancing the Botanical Garden, specifically with the Education Department and improving visitors' experiences. Her generosity and effort has helped transform the lives of our visitors including children and families.



Save Our Pines:
Kathryn Van Aernum

Kathryn Van Aernum has donated six years of professional support in building and maintaining a strong web presence which has been crucial in enabling Save Our Pines to garner support and awareness of the pines at Fort Zachary Taylor State Park.

Kati is an accomplished multi-disciplinary artist, who owns a marketing and consultation business.



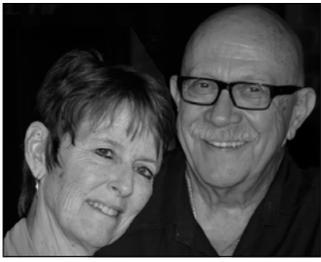
One Human Family:
John "Ma" Evans

"Ma" has promoted One Human Family's message since the beginning, and produces the annual Queen Mother Pageant which yields vital funding to keep the project going. In jeans or high heels, "Ma" is One Human Family's Hero!



Zonta Club of Key West:
Lisa Benfield

Lisa Benfield, a Zontian for five years, is a current board member, Media Zonta Day chairwoman and Past Service Committee chairwoman. Because of Lisa's medical insight, she created the Skin Cancer Screening program that has screened over 250 people. She brings dedication and enthusiasm to every Zontian function.



Anne McKee Artists Fund:
Carol Shaughnessy and David Koontz

Seldom is an organization gifted with a dynamic duo the caliber of these married partners. Carol spent four years on the board, focusing on publicity for the annual auction and grants for Keys artists. For three years, David used his experience as a producer to coordinate each auction. The two continue as advisory board members.



Sister Season Fund:
Gina and Porsche Maseratti

Gina and Porsche Maseratti are well-known throughout the community for their fantastic costuming and their generous hearts. Gina is a carpenter and part-time singer/composer/performer. A former teacher of special needs kids, Porsche effectively employed her enduring patience and creativity.



The Studios of Key West:
Michele Atkinson

We are fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers at TSKW! What compels us to recognize Michele Atkinson is her truly tireless dedication to and enthusiasm for TSKW. She has volunteered countless hours, working in every capacity from bartender extraordinaire to exhibition designer to administrator. We can always count on Michele.



Florida Keys T.R.E.E. Institute:
Robert Leiby

Bob, better known as the proprietor of the Love Lane Lounge, has been a quiet force behind the scenes of the T.R.E.E. (Tropical Research Ecological Exchange) Institute, doing everything asked of him and more... from stuffing envelopes and licking stamps to hosting a party at his home to help us get started.



Key West Police Athletic League:
Ricky Jackson

Born and raised in Key West with years of experience in boxing, Ricky helped start PAL's boxing program. He hopes to use his knowledge to make the PAL program among the best in Florida. The program is now evolving with young coaches. The boxing program continues to provide for the community's youth while reducing crime.



FKCC Keys Chorale:
Lisa McCarthy

Lisa McCarthy has been a performer with the Keys Chorale for many years. She has volunteered countless times to help with Chorale fundraisers and has volunteered as our librarian, which is a vital function to help keep rehearsals running smoothly. If we need it done, we can ask Lisa.

Key West Art and Historical Society:
Stuart Bennett

Stuart Bennett has volunteered for the Key West Art & Historical Society for almost two years. He was instrumental in digitizing part of the Society's photograph collection for use in an upcoming exhibition. Additionally, he and his wife helped with various Society fundraisers and events, furthering the Society's mission.



American Cancer Society:
Suzanne Moore

Suzanne has volunteered for several years, donating her talents to Relay for Life and successfully leading her own Strides' team. Suzanne chaired this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Her dedication to do whatever it takes to promote breast cancer awareness and the importance of cancer research made this year's Strides event the most successful.



Friends of Fort Taylor:
Kristie and Larry Metcalf

Kristie and Larry are the energetic, dependable and cheerful volunteers who make every event they are a part of a success. They have shared their enthusiasm, talents and good humor to haunting the Fort, helping Pyrates invade, blacksmithing, cannon firing, period cooking and interpreting history. Their contribution to the Friends of Fort Taylor is invaluable.



Educational Coalition for Monroe County:
Nina Locardi

Nina has been a teaching artist for ECMC since 2007, teaching in schools from Key Largo to Key West. She says the best part of Dancing Classrooms is the opportunity to reach all children in Monroe County, regardless of income, and introduce them to their innate ability to relate to all styles of music and dance.

Who is the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys?



Honoring our nonprofits' volunteer "stars" featured on these pages is just one activity of the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK). The Community Foundation leads a number of initiatives to make Key West and the Florida Keys a better place to live now and in the future by encouraging philanthropy and matching donors to community needs.

Established in 1996, CFFK manages over \$10 million in assets through more than 115 funds and endowments for individuals and charitable causes throughout the Florida Keys. CFFK annually grants more than \$1 million from these funds to support the important work of nonprofits.

Our activities comprise three main areas:

- **Building philanthropy** by working with individual donors, family foundations, and others on their charitable giving and facilitating their support to nonprofit organizations throughout Monroe County.
- **Strengthening nonprofits**, including developing leadership and promoting volunteerism.
- **Providing community leadership** by identifying and helping to address community needs.

Building Philanthropy

CFFK helps people make effective charitable investments in our community to respond to current needs while investing in the future. According to Giving USA, 73 percent of all charitable giving in the U.S. comes from individuals. The foundation provides charitable investors with personalized service, community leadership, and local expertise. CFFK's Legacy Society, whose collective gifts are estimated to be over \$30 million, provides assurance that donors' wishes for charitable giving will be fulfilled.

Strengthening Nonprofits

Through its Center for NonProfit Excellence, CFFK provides a wide range of resources to strengthen and support the leadership and management of nonprofits. The Leadership Success Academy, a board training program that provides best practices, has trained more than 300 board members from 92 nonprofits. The seventh year of the program kicks off February 20th.

The Center also serves as a central information resource on philanthropy and provides reports, directories, and other research tools for nonprofits. A searchable, online database at

www.cffk.org has information on more than 200 Monroe County nonprofits. The Community Foundation further assists by promoting and encouraging volunteerism. CFFK annually honors the tremendous efforts of volunteers through its Unsung Heroes event and to date, has recognized more than 1,000 Keys volunteers.

Providing Community Leadership

Another important role is convening community-wide discussions on current issues. CFFK's series of Future Forums is discussing the impact and future direction of some of the community's key sectors, such as the arts and the environment. The Foundation also convenes Donor Dialogues to discuss critical issues of interest to donors. We have also hosted numerous workshops providing continuing educational opportunities for professional advisors.

The work of the Community Foundation is managed by the Board of Governors, a group of local businesspeople and civic leaders who have a wide range of expertise in business, community, and nonprofit leadership. Dianna Sutton, a nationally-certified fundraising executive, is the Community Foundation's president and CEO. CFFK has also met the nation's highest philanthropic standards for community foundations by demonstrating a commitment to financial security, transparency, and accountability, certified by the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

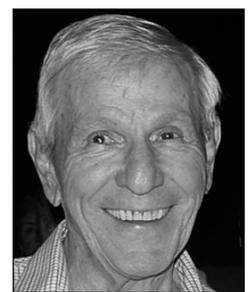
CFFK's programs and services are supported by the Very Important Partners in Paradise (VIPs) and the Friends of the Foundation whose donations are critical to furthering philanthropy in the Florida Keys.

If you are interested in more information about any of our programs or services, or in establishing a fund, contributing to an existing fund, or supporting the work of the Community Foundation, please visit www.cffk.org, email us at cffk@cffk.org or call 305-292-1502.



Coral City Elks Lodge #610 and Temple #400:
Priscilla Sullivan

Priscilla volunteers at the club house and cooks for the sick and homebound. She coordinates fundraisers, parties and dinners as well as cooking for church functions. She cooks and serves food at funerals and various functions in the community. Priscilla is always willing to help when needed.



Key West Orchid Society:
Joe Liszka

Joe's fascination by an orchid plant started his quest to find out more about orchids. Now he has a lush garden filled with orchids of many varieties. He joined the Key West Orchid Society over 25 years ago. He served two terms as President, and chaired two very successful orchid shows.